

## Wetland Violations Cause Concern

Planning board members Monday night expressed concern over wetland violations and random tree cutting along the road near the proposed approved Freeman Estates subdivision site off Elm Street.

"We will follow the lead of the conservation commission in addressing this (the violation)," said Planning Board Chairman Peter Donahue, who noted the previous approval could now be in jeopardy if drainage has been affected by clearing of land for a road in the wetland area.

Developer Brad Cushing of Elm St. Realty Trust in Plymouth was served notice by the

Conservation Commission last week that the imposed "limit of work line" was bypassed and the buffer restrictions near the wetlands abutting the subdivision site were violated.

A spokesman from the Town's Conservation office said the conservation administrator, Joe Grady, was told that a surveyor hired by the developer erroneously staked the easement lines instead of the limit of work lines. Tree cutting at the site infringed upon the wetlands area which abuts Island Creek and Mill Ponds.

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Grady noticed the violation bordering vegetative and buffer zones at the site when he saw wetlands flags had been cut down.

The developer filed a notice of intent with the Conservation Commission in January of 1996 as required by state and local laws and in July, 1996 the local authority issued an order of conditions relating to roadway restrictions and drainage. Work actually began this spring on the proposed roadway for the 10-lot development.

State and local bylaws require any work proposed within 100 feet of a wetland resource requires a notice of intent application with the Con Com.

There will be a public hearing on August 10 to discuss what measures should be taken to rectify the situation. Lands



Wetland buffer restrictions were violated at the proposed site of the Freeman Farms subdivision according to the ConCom.

and Natural Resources Supt. Peter Buttkus will also comment on the tree clearing and

make recommendations on rectifying the situation.